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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, SF, AO  
SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY CAPTURED BY ANGOLAN

1. AT HIS REQUEST SOUTH AFRICAN CHARGE EKSTEEN CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MCHENRY FEBRUARY 22 TO DISCUSS GENERAL STATUS OF NAMIBIA NEGOTIATIONS AND TO REQUEST CONTACT GROUP ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ON AND ACCESS TO SEVEN SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL CAPTURED BY ANGOLA DURING SOUTH AFRICA'S ANGOLA CAPER.

2. EKSTEEN SAID THAT PRISONER QUESTION HAD BEEN ALLUDED TO BY BRAND FOURIE DURING PROXIMITY TALKS. SOUTH AFRICA REALIZED THAT LITTLE PROGRESS COULD BE MADE NOW ON THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS BUT HOPED THAT THEY COULD RECEIVE APPROPRIATE ASSURANCES ON THEIR WELFARE AND THAT COMMUNICATIONS COULD BE ESTABLISHED WITH RELATIVES.

3. MCHENRY RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD RAISE THE MATTER WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP. HE RECALLED  
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THAT BOTH HE AND AMBASSADOR MURRAY HAD, WITH SOME SUCCESS, DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF IMPRISONED BRITISH AND AMERICAN NATIONALS WITH ANGOLAN OFFICIALS DURING A VISIT TO LUANDA LAST DECEMBER. WHILE THE UK, FRANCE AND CANADA NOW HAD RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA, DIRECT U.S. CONTACTS WERE THROUGH ANGOLA'S U.N. REP OR OCCASIONAL VISITS TO ANGOLA BY U.S. OFFICIALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE NAMIBIA TALKS. IN THAT

REGARD, SENIOR ANGOLAN OFFICIALS WERE IN NEW YORK FOR THE NAMIBIA TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS MIGHT HAVE BEEN FACILITATED HAD NOT FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA DEPARTED SO ABRUPTLY. HE CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH WASHINGTON.

4. FOLLOWING IS THE INFO PROVIDED BY EKSTEEN:

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